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### **Wyoming Small Business Week 2008 Winners Announced**

**WYOMING** - The small business awards are a highlight of SBA's National Small Business Week celebration, April 21<sup>st</sup> through April 25<sup>th</sup>. National Small Business Week honors the contributions of the nation's small business owners. The winners are selected on their staying power, growth in number of employees, increase in sales, financial condition, innovation, response to adversity, community service and assistance to small business. Involvement with SBA is not necessary, although many of the winners have received some type of assistance from the SBA or those partnering with it.

Wyoming's small business supporters host special events to honor and present awards to entrepreneurs and small business champions. Wyoming's winners for 2008 are:

- ◆ Small Business Person of the Year, Lisa and Jeff Rose, Madeline's Scents, Cheyenne;
- ◆ SBA Young Entrepreneur of the Year, J.R. Hunter, Godfather's Pizza, Casper;
- ◆ Family-Owned Business of the Year, Shively Hardware, Saratoga;
- ◆ Financial Services Champion of the year, Angie Hallsted, Casper;
- ◆ Small Business Journalist of the Year, Jackie Dorothy, Riverton;
- ◆ Veteran Small Business Champion of the Year, Ken Johnson, Casper;
- ◆ Women in Business Champion of the Year, Diana L. Wallace, Casper;
- ◆ Small Business Champion of the Year, David Reetz, Powell.

Please congratulate these outstanding entrepreneurs and small businesses, as they are key to small business and the backbone of our nation.

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